

## ING-DOCK TRAPS BURGLAR IN THE CLOSET

Oscar Von Bernuth, Rich Merchant, Finds and Captures Thief.

GIVEN OVER TO POLICE.

Battered Burglar So Glad to Get Out He Smiled at Officers.

Oscar Von Bernuth, a wealthy merchant, has decided to take all the trouble off the closet doors to his mansion at No. 27 West Sixty-eighth street and substitute spring locks that open only from the outside. He discovered last night that such devices make splendid burglar traps. He landed one last night in dramatic fashion, making himself a hero in the eyes of himself and family.

Mr. Von Bernuth is a hearty German, who maintains an overflowing table, and has ordered his servants to scatter crumbs to tempt a burglar with a lavish hand. When a burglar, hungry-looking individual appeared at the basement table at dinner time yesterday, Mr. Bernuth, daintily French maid, passed him out a plate of rolls, and went back for a cup of steaming coffee. When she got back to the gate, which she left open, rolls, plate and man had vanished.

Maid Closed the Gate.

There was nothing alarmingly unusual in that, so she closed the gate and thought no more of the matter, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Von Bernuth and twelve-year-old Emma Von Bernuth, were at dinner. Along toward the last course an untoward noise floated out in smothered tones. What sounded like a groan seemed to come up from under the table.

Mr. Von Bernuth got down on his hands and knees and searched amid the table legs. There was nothing there. As he arose to his feet there came to him quizzically, though in faint, reverberating echo, "Lemmeout."

"Lemmeout—lemmeout—lemmeout—Helen Blaise—lemmeout—I'm smothered."

Sent for Weapons.

"All hat," said Mr. Von Bernuth, "a burglar. I call him. I think." Then he turned to his wife and daughter, and ordered them to go upstairs. He sent a maid downstairs for a rolling pin, an ax and whatever other heavy hardware she might find. Then he turned to the closet door and shouted at the panel:

"Who are you, and how dare you come into my house without an invitation?"

Utterances that should not be repeated in newspapers filtered through the door in reply.

"When you turn the knob, Marie," he said, "jump away quick so that I can smash him with the rolling pin. I will not use the ax unless necessary."

Tail Man Burst Forth.

The bolt sprang back and the door swung out. This is how Mr. Von Bernuth described to an Evening World reporter to-day what happened:

"A great tail man burst upon me and he had a huge rock in one hand. He uttered a terrible oath just once, for then I plunged into the room with the pin and he hopped down flat on the rug. I threw my weapons aside and pointed upon him with the telephone. With the other hand, still holding him in a vice-like grip, I called on police headquarters and told the detective here from the West Sixty-eighth Street station."

"There was no fight left in the tail prisoner when three detectives and a squad of men from the station arrived. In fact, he was laughing a little and singing softly a lullaby he had learned in his childhood days."

Fell was arraigned to-day before Magistrate Walsh in the West Side Court and said he was not guilty of burglary. He was held in \$1,000 for trial.

WHEAT PRICES CUT ON NEWS OF CROPS.

Wheat started a trifle lower in the market to-day on the weekly crop summary of the Price Current, which did not confirm all the recent bullish news. Corn opened easier, but recovered on the steady cables.

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## STOCKS RISE IN SLUGGISH MARKET

Pacifics, Reading and Smelting Share Attention of Traders.

Stocks were sluggish in the early market to-day, the transactions being small and confined to a limited number of issues. The trend was upward, however.

Northern Pacific gained 1 1/2, Southern Pacific 1-3, Union 3-4, St. Paul 3-4, Reading 1-2 and Smelting 1-3.

Prices fell away during the session but recovered in the final hour and the market closed on a level with the early prices. Trading continued dull.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 308,900 and of bonds 119,000.

The Closing Quotations.

To-day's highest, lowest, closing prices and the change of stocks from yesterday's final quotations are as follows:

Am. Coal. 30 1/2, High 30 3/4, Low 30 1/4, Close 30 1/2. Am. Copper 20 1/2, High 20 3/4, Low 20 1/4, Close 20 1/2.

Am. Oil 10 1/2, High 10 3/4, Low 10 1/4, Close 10 1/2. Am. Sugar 10 1/2, High 10 3/4, Low 10 1/4, Close 10 1/2.

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## CONVICT DARED DEATH IN SWIM AND COLD RIDE

Escaped From Blackwell's Island, Straddled Brake Beam to Philadelphia.

Louis Welwits, after swimming from Blackwell's Island almost to the Brooklyn shore, where he was picked up by a sailboat, after riding in his wet clothes from the Jersey coast, where the vessel dropped him, to Philadelphia on the trucks of a freight car, is under arrest in the Quaker City to-day and must come back to finish his term in prison.

"I didn't care whether I met death or got to shore," he said, when captured by a waiting detective on his arrival in Philadelphia. "I hated the island and wanted to get away from it."

Louis slipped from under the eyes of his keepers yesterday and stole down to the water wharf, wearing all his clothes, he plunged in. It was deadly cold and the waves were beating hard against him, but he put forth his most powerful stroke and lit out for liberty and Brooklyn.

After the first shock of the chilled water left him he got along well for a time, for he is an expert swimmer. But exertion in the face of wind and currents and waves soon took the strength out of him, and he was floundering about in the balance between eternity and Long Island when a boat came along and hooked him in. He had a story that "went" with the sailors, who didn't try to send him back to his cell, but put him off near the freight yards of the Jersey Central Railroad.

He soon found a freight train headed westward and joined it, though he knew a cold ride in his soaked clothes was before him. Somehow the police got information of his escape and the direction he had taken, and a telegram to Philadelphia set a detective to trap him when the train pulled in. He was stiff and chilled to the bone.

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## MRS. MACKAY WINS IN CHURCH DISPUTE

Court Dissolves the Injunction Against Removal of Old Edifice at Roslyn.

(Special to The Evening World.) MINNEOLA, L. I., April 18.—Supreme Court Justice Carr to-day dissolved the injunction which Mrs. Clarence Mackay and others in the matter of the removal of the old Trinity Church at Roslyn, which is in its place a \$100,000 edifice in memory of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Dier.

The injunction was obtained by Henry W. M. Eustman, a lawyer of Nassau County, who has been vestryman of the church for thirty years. He asked the court that the sale of the old church, which is an old landmark, made by Mrs. Mackay, a trustee, be set aside.

Mrs. Mackay, to William Sheppard, a cousin of Roslyn, for \$25 a week ago, declared void, on the ground that Mrs. Mackay had no authority from the Board of Trustees to sell the old edifice.

Judge Carr dismissed the case on the ground that the plaintiff had no property rights as an individual and that the church must bring the suit or be a party to it.

Edward M. Perry, counsel for Mrs. Mackay, argued that when his client offered to build a new church it was agreed that she could dispose of the old edifice and he stated that he had advised from Bishop Burgess, of the diocese, giving her that privilege.

Alfred Scudder, who appeared for Mr. Eustman, said that while there was no objection to the sale of the old building it should have been made with the consent and on the orders of the vestrymen and wardens.

GIRL LIBRARIAN IS FOUND DEAD BY GAS.

Miss Vaughn Had Been Ill and Police Believe the Case One of Suicide.

Miss May Vaughn, librarian of the Kindergarten department of the Pacific Branch, Brooklyn Public Library, was found dead in bed this afternoon in her home, No. 300 Myrtle place, Brooklyn. The police call it suicide.

The young woman was twenty-one years old and the daughter of P. S. Vaughn, who has an office on Wall street. For the past week Miss Vaughn had been kept in bed by illness, and she recently announced she would apply for a month's vacation. After breakfast to-day she retired to her room and when one of the family went to call her to lunch she found her dead. The cap of a gas pipe had been removed and the plug pulled out so gas was flowing freely.

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## MADE INSANE BY TROUBLE. HE ENDS HIS LIFE

Freeman Was Prosperous Until He Indorsed Some Notes.

Morris Freeman was certainly crazy. First, when he had a good business with thirty machines in the sweat shop, he began to indorse notes. Then he began to drink. To-day he killed himself. His family found him hanging by the neck to a hook in the door of his room in the house at No. 114 Fourth street, the rope around his neck hidden by his long white beard.

Morris was sixty years old. Thirty-three years ago he came to New York from Russia. He married and his wife bore him children and he worked hard. Twenty years ago he started in business as a tailor. His business grew, his children married. The whole family lived together in the Fourth street house. The name of Morris Freeman was on a big sign at No. 99 Hester street. There Morris spent his days, and his fortune assumed respectable proportions.

Then came the tempter to Morris Freeman, who had a kind heart. The tempter was a business man. He was in trouble. Would Morris Freeman indorse the notes of his old friend? Morris would, and did.

It was a bad temptation to have that man, a reasonable business man and indorse notes. It is a reputation that travels among other business men and among men who wait notes indorsed. Other men in trouble came to the kind-hearted Morris Freeman, and he indorsed their notes. Then he had to pay all the notes he had indorsed.

It was a double blow to Morris Freeman. Much of his fortune was gone, and the friends he had trusted had betrayed him. He took to drink. His family mourned and remonstrated, and he drank the more. He neglected his business, and his old wife was compelled to go day after day to the sweat-shop in Hester street that all the machines might not be idle. Morris Freeman spent much of his time in saloons. Much of his time he spent in stupor-like sleep.

It was late when the old man got home last night. It was very late when one of the children went to call him to-day. The door of the room was quite heavy as the son pushed it open, and then he saw his father hanging to the other side of it. Dr. Benjamin Stollorff, Morris's son-in-law, was called, but he was too late.

HIS BODY DERAILED CAR.

POSTORIA, O., April 18.—Blocked by the body of James McCure, the rear truck of a car of train No. 2 of the Nickel Plate Railroad, were derailed at Arcadia last night.

McCure, who was a bridge foreman employed by the Nickel Plate, attempted to board the train while it was moving and fell under the wheels. His head was cut off and his body was crushed.

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